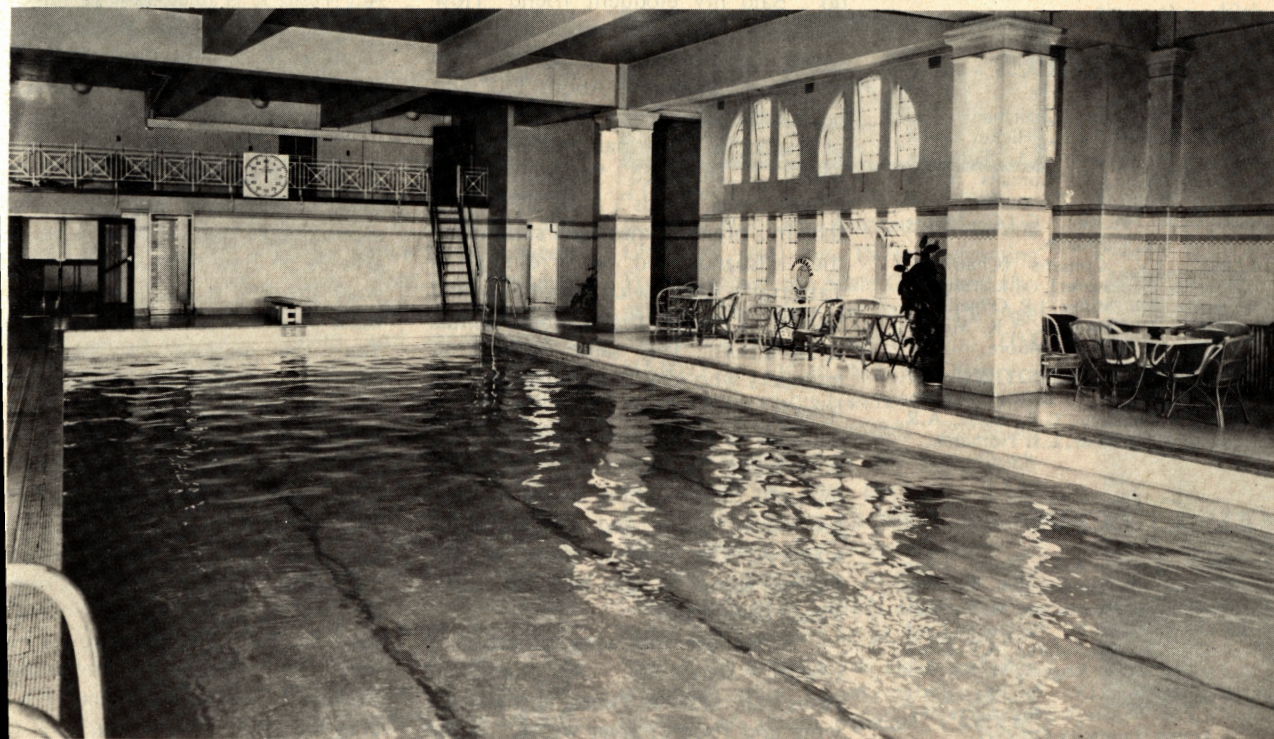


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Chairman's Message

Said one of our prominent members "You waste your time writing a 'Chairman's message'. Nobody reads it". I replied "Yes they do". Said my eloquent friend "How many letters did you receive when you wrote articles on racing for the magazine?" I replied "About 300" and he asked "How many do you receive in respect of Chairman's message" to which I answered "Actions speak louder than words". You will recall that in a previous message I stated that the husband and wife dining at Tattersall's Club twice a month would save in 12 months the member's annual subscription. The same applies to members who lunch regularly or bring friends with them, that in racing parlance is percentage thinking. I am now happy to report that Andy the maitre'd of the Dining Room requires six more tables and an additional waitress. The present usage of the Dining Room is the best for years. Please keep it up!

I feel the following quotation is worth repeating. An eminent American, Duncan Hines, appraising a wine and food dinner wrote. "If the soup had been as warm as the wine, if the wine had been as old as the turkey; and if the turkey had a breast like the waitress, it would have been a splendid dinner". This is an entirely different standard to our own Epicurean dinners. These are wonderful evenings, and the atmosphere is one of friendship where members quickly get to know one another. If you are wise you won't miss out, just drop a line to Vic Vadas care of the Club stating you are interested and Vic will make the rest easy for you.

Prominent legal identity, Charles Robinson, a daily user of the Club had a few terse words to say to me about the use of the second floor on Saturdays. The result is that members may now attend the Club on Saturdays until 5.00 p.m. in casual dress, that is neat sports clothes and prior to going to the football, cricket or races may enjoy a swim, game of snooker etc. whilst the second floor buffet is open for a hot meal, pies, sandwiches and beverage.

Your Committee has recommended

that all members living within a radius outside 100 kilos from the G.P.O. pay an annual fee of \$75-00. However, as we operate under the Tattersall's Club Act 1888 it is necessary to have this adopted at a General Meeting by the creating of a new type of member known as "Overseas, Interstate and Country members".

Just as we are sailing the Club on an even keel there is a 6.4 increase made in respect of wages. Again being a percentage man (I must write more articles on how to beat the books for you) the 6.4 is a misnomer. To this must be added the increase in Pay Roll Tax, the increase in the amount payable for Worker's Compensation plus the increase on the 17.5 loading for four week's annual leave. In short, the 6.4 increase is going to cost the Club approximately \$40,000 over and above the present out goings. Last year our wage bill increased by \$133,000 without the addition of an employee. The above is not a bad start for 1976. Do you know a better way to increase unemployment? However, your Committee will not drag the cross. We will pick it up, carry it on our shoulders and face the challenge.

I have received a few letters about the resignation of Les Dury, our Hall Porter. The only thing that matters is what are the facts, so let us have them. For many years we have had three telephonists working shifts from 7.30 a.m. until 11.30 p.m. at a cost exceeding \$18,000 per year.

We have transferred the switchboard to the room adjacent to front desk where it will be operated by two switch girls 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., which, with the aid of the Hall Porters, will cut out an overlap and overtime plus penalty rates and a reduction in wages of approximately \$10,000 a year.

This necessitates the Hall Porters working to a roster, which Les was not keen to do, and he tendered his resignation. This was received with regret because he was a good and faithful employee.

However, your Committee is elected to serve the members, and,

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whilst we insist on excellent conditions and full courtesy to the staff, let it be remembered that so long as I am your Chairman the interest of maintaining the Club for the benefit of members on a proper economical basis is paramount.

Your Club Room has been described by a visiting English architect as equal to the best of its type in Europe. This room must be used. Up to the mid sixties the Swimming Club held its Annual Ball in the Club Room, black tie and lots of cases of white tie and tails. The band rostrum was where the spectators now sit to watch the snooker and the dance floor between the centre pillars. What a picturesque spot to hold wedding receptions, birthday parties and large private functions. Especially with parking facilities that are now available. Your Committee is taking all steps to see that full use is made of this valuable space.

I know this message will not please every member of Tattersall's as the membership comprises men who are grandfathers, men who are fathers and the balance who for want of a better word could be described as sons — a big generation gap between the three. The young look to the future; they are full of plans, all relating to tomorrow which unfortunately sometimes never comes. The old look back trying to live in the past and the past becomes more and more present to them. Where the members of your committee must live is in the present,

the "glorious present" and to do this we need the co-operation of every member — as the philosopher Lavell said, "The greatest good we can do for others is not to give them what we have, but show them how much they have to give".

With every good wish,
J.V. Comans, Chairman.

SUCCINCT

TERRY BUCK reason to preen — coached Woollahra Amateur Swimming Club to win the 1976 Swimming Premiership in the State Open, and also gained the Silver in the State Age Swimming Championships JIM HARDY in TV ad. for the Olympics quite trendy in his T-shirt TALBOT DUCKMANTON soothes harassing ABC moments with 16 laps lunch time swim in our pool LEO KEATING making his regular trek to the Club again after hospitalisation a most impressive hostess is the Chairman's wife GWEN COMANS — had a brief sojourn in St. Vincent's — soon to be greeting you again with her charming smile one of Australia's best-known union officials, LAURIE SHORT, has been appointed a commissioner of the Australian Broadcasting Commission for a three-year term. Since 1951 he has been national secretary of the Federated Association.

WANTED

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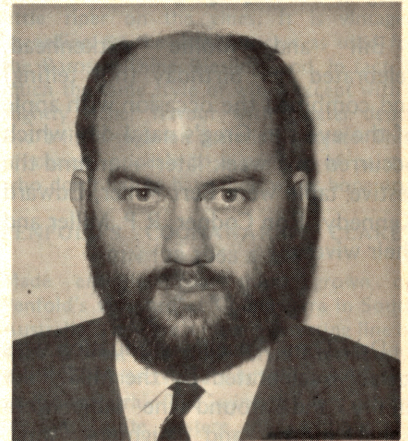
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NAVY COMES TO THE RESCUE

Once again the close attachment between two of Sydney's oldest institutions, Sydney Hospital and Tattersall's, has achieved a significant advance.

Kanematsu-Gosho, (Japan), celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Kanematsu Memorial Institute of Sydney Hospital presented the Sydney Eye Hospital with an ultra sensitive electron microscope with a magnifying capability of 500,000 times and valued at \$50,000.

A problem of installation soon became apparent and Sydney Hospital



Mike Turner

contacted the Royal Australian Navy's Research Laboratory at Rushcutter's Bay, Sydney.

Here Tattersall's came into the picture through popular member Mike Turner who leads the RANRL Mine Warfare Group.

Acting closely with Sydney Eye Hospital officers the problem was solved and a world first chalked up to Mike Turner's team.

The rewards: A patent is pending for the design and Mike has been elected a Life Member of Sydney Hospital.

SATURDAY TRADING HOURS

Second Floor Bar and Snack Facilities: Bar 11.00 a.m. — 5.00 p.m. Snack Service 11.00 a.m. — 2.30 p.m. Billiards and Snooker, Card Room facilities available.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Anzac Day Holiday — Club Closed, Monday 26th April.
Easter: Good Friday — Closed.
Easter Saturday — Normal. Easter Monday — Closed.

WINING, DINING & SOCIAL

That irrepressible and irresistible Bill Band was the genial host to a merry "Band" of Tattersall's cohorts and their charming ladies, amongst whom were Os. Bates, Norm Burston, John Cameron, John Rush, Brian Gapes, Stan Swain and Sam Block at a preview screening of Liza Minelli and Gene Hackman in "Lucky Lady".

The show was greeted with tumultuous applause and filmgoers are certainly in for a treat when it is released.

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Bill and Mollie Aitkenhead, celebrated her birthday (not telling) and combined the occasion with apple of the eye son Greg's natal day which occurred one week later — around the festive table were Bert Miller, Edward Kennedy, Ron Codner, R.P. Miller and their wives.

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Dr. Tom Axccl's graduation was suitably celebrated by the M.H. Pike family and around the table were Isabel, mother and daughters, Anne, Jenny and Catherine.

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Well known radio, television and racing personality, Ian Craig's birthday was celebrated at a party which included his father Michael, his mother, one brother and sister-in-law.

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The Coonamble E.L. Kennedy's and Mr. & Mrs. A. Millar entertained the James O'Brien's from Walgett. It being Mrs. O'Brien's birthday and we are pleased to record it followed a successful outing at Rosehill races.

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Minister for Health, Dick Healy suitably celebrated wife Doreen's birthday with a scintillating party. Many, many happies Doreen.

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Celebrating birthday of John Plimsoll were daughters Kathleen, Susan, Jane and also Stephen Marquet. Of course, Mrs. Patricia Plimsoll cut the cake.

Happy was the silver wedding of Frank and Patricia Kennedy and around the table with fun and happiness were their four sons and two daughters-in-law.

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Col Dodds saw that the engagement of his son Stuart to Lynette Strathdee was properly celebrated.

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Dr. Kevin Byers and wife Lil enjoyed birthday celebrations with Peter and Marie Jean and their charming daughter Helen and sons Richard and Ian.

GARMENTS FOR GARRY

Having a regular work out on the Third Floor is regarded as a "must" by busy members whatever their craft, trade, profession or industry might be.

To go through the list of occupations reads like a "Who's Who" — if we haven't got one, it does not exist.

Prominent among the callings are those in the clothing industry — we hesitated to say "rag trade".

And amongst the budding Australian trade entrepreneurs marketing not only nation wide but overseas is Garry Solomon.

And how conclusive is his enthusiasm is featured in the trade name he has established — "Mr. Garry".

Garry was born in Sydney in 1933 and is a Scots product having matriculated in 1950.

After a brief retail experience Garry joined the clothing firm of David Soloman and Sons created by his grandfather.

In 1972 Garry commenced business in his own company producing "Mr. Garry" slacks and shorts.



GARRY SOLOMON

In connection with his expanding business Garry travels overseas at least twice a year, visiting the main fashion centres and studying the latest trends whilst promoting his own exports.

Garry is married, with one daughter, whilst his late father, Hyman was a Tattersall's Club member, as is his brother, Ross.

Garry is an ardent follower of the Eastern Suburbs "Roosters" and for some years played Rugby League and was alongside team mate Sir Nicholas Shehadie in the City and Suburban cricket competition.

But now he is more content with social tennis and limbering up under the watchful eye of Sam Block on the Third.

Tattersall's Club Trading Hours

LOUNGE:

Mon. — Fri. Noon — Midnight
Saturday 5 pm — Midnight

DINING ROOM:

Dinner: Mon. — Wed. 6pm—8.00pm
Thurs. — Sat. 6pm—8.30pm
(Dinner Dance — Saturday)

Luncheon: Mon. — Fri. 12.30—2.15pm
Breakfast: Daily 7.30—9.30am

No Luncheon on Public Holidays

ATHLETIC DEPT.

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Tue. — Sat. 9.30—7pm
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Sat. 9am—Noon
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Saturday 11.00am—2.30pm

SECOND FLOOR BAR:

Mon. — Fri. 11.30am—11.00pm
Fri. night 11.30pm
Saturday 11.00am—5.00pm

BILLIARDS ROOM:

Mon. — Fri. 10.00am—11.30pm
(Fri. night 11.30pm)

Saturday 10.00am—11.30pm
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GOURMET CORNER

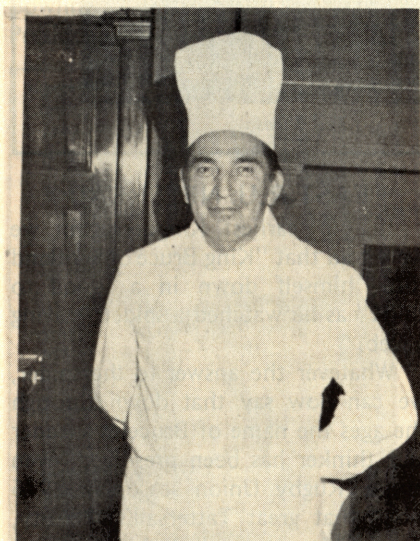
by Peter Cameron

Commencing with this issue of the Club's magazine we introduce a new feature for our members' pleasure.

The format will comprise the Chefs' special dishes and the introduction of the availability of selected wines from the Club's Private Bin Cellar.

The wines will be served in the Dining Room throughout March and April.

These palate wines are also available in limited supply for your private stock at the Bottle & Grocery department.



Chef Danny's selection for March is:

SMOKED LOIN OF PORK CONTINENTAL CABBAGE NEW POTATOES

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 lbs of lean smoked loin of pork.
- 1 bay leaf.
- pinch of sugar.
- 6 pepper corns.
- ¼ of cabbage.
- 1 oz of butter.
- 2 rashers of bacon.
- 1 tablespoon of plain flour.
- 1 onion.
- pinch of caraway seeds.
- salt & pepper to taste.
- 8 medium sized new potatoes.

METHOD:

1. Boil the pork until tender.
2. Chop onion and bacon finely, saute together, add flour and brown very lightly. Add 1 cup of hot water, salt & pepper, caraway seeds and shredded cabbage and simmer for approximately 20-30 minutes.
3. Wash potatoes well and boil in salted water.



Chef George's selection for April is:

TÖLTÖTT PAPRIKA

(Filled Capsicums)

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 Medium Capsicums.
- 1 lb Veal & Pork Mince.
- 1 Cup of Rice.
- 2 Medium Onions.
- 12 oz Can of Tomato Paste.
- 1 Egg.
- 3 Tablespoons of Sour Cream.
- 2 Teaspoons of Cornflour.
- Salt & Pepper.

METHOD:

1. Cook rice (not completely) and wash in cold water.
2. Wash capsicums and remove centres.
3. Finely chop onions and mix with mince, egg, cold rice and season with salt and pepper.
4. Fill the capsicums with this mixture.
5. Mix tomato paste and water in a deep saucepan, bring to boil, thicken with cornflour and add a tablespoon of sugar.
6. Place filled capsicums in saucepan, reduce heat and simmer for ¾ hour.

To serve four persons.

NOTE:

Sour cream may be added when serving if desired.

To complement the Club's extensive menu with these special dishes are the following selection of wines:

ORLANDO BLUE RIBBON SPAETLESE 1974

This is a late-picked wine, the grapes being left on the vine considerably longer than at other times — often up to four and six weeks later, it contains a tremendous density of fruit, enormous flavour, extreme grappiness of character and matures extremely well. The grapes are thoroughly ripened, have high Baumes and have started to shrivel. This wine gets its character from

the high natural sugar content plus the fruit of the variety which is retained by the fermentation process.

LINDEMAN'S WATERVALE RHINE RIESLING 1968

These wines tend to be more mature than many of the fresh Rhine Rieslings and they have quite a marked flavour, very deep middle palate and a smooth, soft finish. The show records of the 1966 to 1971 vintages are very impressive. These vintage dry white are produced from selected Rhine riesling grapes grown at Watervale, South Australia, and bottled shortly after vintage to retain the original fresh, fruity flavour of the grape. A crisp, delicate riesling with a marked varietal character.

ORLANDO BAROSSA RHINE RIESLING (MOSELLE STYLE) 1970

Made from specially selected Rhine Riesling grapes which have been allowed to get a little riper on the vines. It is vintaged according to the same process as used for the Barossa Rhine Rieslings and, in fact, is much the same style of wine, except with a slightly richer flavour with greater depth and a little sugar on the middle palate. This, of course, appeals to a number of palates who don't like to have their wines bone dry.

PENFOLD'S COONAWARRA CLARET BIN 128 1968 & 1969

Made entirely from shiraz grown on Penfold's vineyard at Coonawarra in South Australia. They are a most interesting line of wine in that the wine varies enormously. The 1969 reflects a rain fall through vintage at Coonawarra. The wine is very clean, pleasant, quite austere, but without the fruit normally associated with the style of wine, and it will mature well as one of those lighter rather high acid Coonawarra wines. In contrast the 1968 was produced with a rich fruit and shows the regional character of Coonawarra. The 1968 is a beautiful rich wine, tremendously appealing when young even, because it was so beautifully put together, superbly balanced and with so much complexity of fruit; a wine that would live for many years.

LINDEMAN'S ROUGE HOMME CLARET 1964

A vintage dry red of great quality, produced from shiraz grapes grown at Lindeman's Rouge Homme vineyards in Coonawarra. It is matured in small oak casks prior to bottling, approximately eighteen months after vintage for ultimate sale at about five years of age. These vineyards were planted in 1908 and have consistently produced wine which is full of flavour, light and delicate with a fine clean tannin astringency on the palate.

PENFOLD'S ST. HENRI 1970

One of the top two Penfold's wines and certainly one of the most celebrated wines in Australia. Traditionally, a set styled wine with a slight stalky character. The St. Henri has shown a great deal of variations from vintage to vintage although basically they have all had good fruit, a pleasant Rose, showing a lot of flavour and balanced to a very clean finish.

His 40 years of froth and bubble...

A lot of beer has flowed under the bridge since Ted Wales took over the taps of the Robin Hood Hotel at Charing Cross.

In December last he celebrated his 40th year as a publican which he believes must be close to a record among the State's hoteliers.

"It's been a long time," he said. "It's just occurred to me that I'm now serving the sons and even the grandsons of a lot of my original customers.

"I remember when I first started here beer was sixpence a middy, so that gives you a fair idea how time flies and

prices rise".

Ted, now 70, remembers most of his customers by their first names.

And he remembers the depression years when most hotels put on free counter lunches.

"Nothing flash," he said. "Just pies and sandwiches because even hotels were having a tough time in those days".

The Robin Hood has bars with appropriate names—the Maid Marion, the Sherwood Bar and The Merry Men.

Congratulations Ted, on a great career.



Ted Wales

SAY "CHEESE"

Perhaps the best known of Tattersall's amateur photographers is Max Sernack who joined the Club in November, 1958.

We are indebted to Max for many of the photographs appearing in Tattersall's Club magazine, and in paying this tribute we must acknowledge that it is the only payola he receives, as he does it all at not inconsiderable expenses and often inconvenience to his good self.

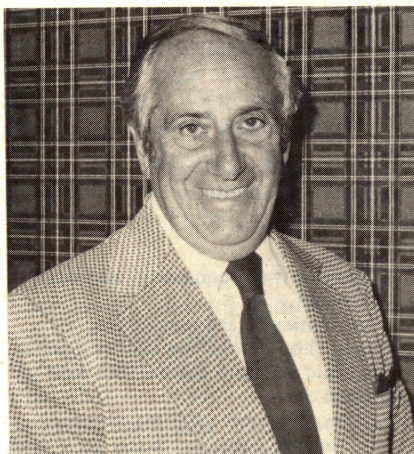
Max was educated at Sydney Boys' High School.

He saw service in World War II in Egypt, Palestine, New Guinea, Morotai, Borneo and was discharged with the rank of Captain.

He is a past president of the Garment Industries Association of NSW and played a leading part in cementing the major producing states NSW and Victoria into a Federal body.

For many years Max has taken an active part in the promotion of social activities within the Club.

He is an Administrative Officer of the Swimming Club.



Max Sernack

EAST R.U. NEW HEAD

In our earliest Kingdergarten we were told that "King Bruce of Scotland flung himself down in a mood to think" as he watched a spider weaving a web.

Whatever the answer to the spider, we can now say that down through the ages the name of Bruce as a leader and thinker has been preserved, even in the Rugby Union season of 1976 when that great Tattersall's identity, Bruce Chiene, was elected as President of Eastern Suburbs.

Good luck, Bruce, but don't let it interfere with your first floor activities.

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APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT

The administrative staff of Tattersall's has been augmented by the appointment of Norman C. Smith as accountant.

Mr. Smith was formerly the Assistant State Secretary of the R.S.L. (N.S.W. Branch).

He served with the R.S.L. for 13 years and was regarded as a dedicated and outstanding official.

Mr. Smith joined the R.S.L. in 1963 after being an accountant with Hoyts Theatre.

With the R.S.L. he was chief Accountant and more recently Assistant State Secretary.

He is a member of the Sutherland Bowling Club. He has also been President of the Sutherland R.S.L. for



Norman Smith

a period of three years and was also a Foundation Member of the N.S.W. R.S.L. Bowling Club, Sutherland.

He is married with a family of two girls and one boy.

During the war he served as a Sergeant with various signal units in New Guinea at both Milne Bay and Port Moresby.

As a young man Norman was a very competent cycle racer and in later years has become a very enthusiastic and crafty bowler.

He was awarded Life Membership of the R.S.L. on 20th November, 1971, for his outstanding service to the League.

PRIVATE FUNCTION BOOKINGS

A selection of a variety of menus is now available for members' wishing to hold private functions within the Club. These comprehensive menus at reasonable cost, will cover members needs to cater for small, medium or large functions.

To assist members in their selection, the Secretary will be only too happy to discuss your requirements. All bookings should be directed to the General Office and by contacting the Secretary's Private Secretary appointments can be arranged.

T.J. CRIED A SECOND TIME

When we settled down to watch Mike Willesee's "This is your life" little did we expect to be beautifully portrayed the life story of our Tattersall's identity, leading horse trainer over interminable years, the voluble, successful, often times dour, but the doyen of all trainers, Tommy Smith, or "T.J." as he is universally known.

On to the TV screen came all his private life from birth, his family, break into racing, and the day on which he first cried, when Tullock won the Brisbane Cup.

And as the gripping story unfolded, we met all his closest — wife Valerie, the touching and poignant moment of his beautiful daughter Gai's purposeful visit from London — and that brought tears — the second time that T.J. wept.

How human he is — as you and I.

And we can never forget the great names that have been overlooked for Hollywood's epics. Such gallivanting heroes as brothers Ernie and Dick, Percy Sykes, Ray Selkrig and George Mulley.

But the one who almost stole the show was Hollywood's overlooked swashbuckling heart-throb, real Errol Flynn type talent lost to posterity, our own Tom Clune.

THREE SCORE AND TEN

It is widely known that Noel Simpson owns more horses — trotters, pacers, gallopers and trotting sires — than any other person in Australia, but few would realise he is 70 years old.

Noel's birthday came up on January 11 and family and friends flew in from various parts of the world for the celebration.

JIM'S ORDEAL

On a happy cruise in the South Pacific, cartoonist colleague, Jim Russell, creator of "Mr. and Mrs. Potts", took ill.

He was taken ashore when the ship reached Port Vila.

Here it became necessary for an RAAF mercy flight as Jim's condition deteriorated and local doctors had to operate on him.

The medical crew aboard the RAAF Hercules had to carry out a further operation on Jim before he could be flown to Sydney.

After about three hours his condition improved sufficiently for the flight.

"He slept for most of the journey, but he was the only one who did" was the crew's laconic report.

And we are glad to record a great recovery for our smiling Jim who has done so much through the years to make millions laugh.

CAPTIONS

We received several commendations on a recent par, dealing with comparison of chances of winning a soccer pool and of being murdered which we headed "Odds and Ends".

Tony McSweeney has brought under our notice another captivating caption which Tony thinks may have "got under the guard" of many readers.

That most competent racing journalist, T.V. identity and horse owner John Curtis of the Daily Telegraph, wrote the story of Kikuyu's win at Canterbury which incidentally landed a bet of \$60,000 to \$8,400.

Those knowing of the stress caused many gardeners by the rapid growth and expansion of the Kikuyu grass and its incursions on a well kept lawn would like his caption "Kikuyu bets not forlorn".

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SAMMY BLOCK— GREAT BLOKE, GREAT SPORTSMAN

A new member enquiring for Mr. Samuel Block might well meet with blank looks, but if he asked for Sam Block or even, Sammy, he would certainly be greeted with understanding smiles.

For those who have joined our ranks, say in the past five years, for it is that long since we recorded Sam's background in these columns, one might well ask "what makes Sammy tick"?

Sam joined Tattersall's in 1931 and has always been an ardent worker in the Club's interests, without any blare of trumpets, and the Committee saw fit in May last to accord him the highest accolade — Honorary Life Membership.

At Crown Street School, from whence came many of Australia's best sportsmen, Sam was captain of the school and of football for three years, representing NSW in Schoolboys' Rugby Union. He could run very close to "evens" and from 1925 to 1930 was champion of the Corinthian AAC over 100, 220 and 440 yards, and in 1928 won the Club Decathlon title.

The East Sydney Memorial Cup came to him in 1926, but probably his best performance was a dash over 75 yards in 7.4 seconds, though Sam wryly claims the timekeeper must have had an itchy finger.

He was truly an all rounder.

He was taught boxing by champions Matt Wells and Harry Stone, and mixed in those days with such famous gladiators as Lew Edwards, Jackie Green, Jamito and Theo Burns.

Sam took part in a number of contests, some of which he won, and in a number of others he confesses with a twinkle in his eye, he took some good hidings. Still he got a lot of fun and made a lot of friends in his association with the manly art.

In helping to launch Tattersall's Handball Club he became its first secretary in 1932.

Officialdom did not cramp his playing style, and from 1933 to 1939 he was the Club champion on four occasions.

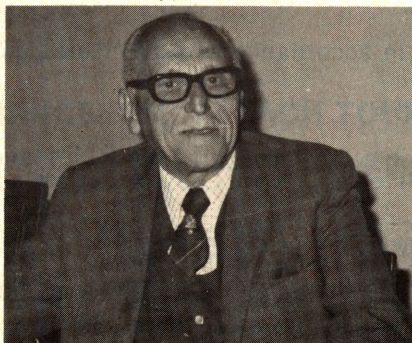
He has passed his knowledge on to many others, and today he is as keen as ever to bring on the younger players.

Though not in Olympic class as a swimmer, as a youth Sam's enthusiasm and consistency carried him far in Club contests, and he took the Dewar Cup, forerunner of the Native Son Trophy, outright, by winning it in 1934-35, and 1935-36, after being runner up in 1933-34.

Though competitive dominoes appear to have lapsed in the Club, temporarily we hope, it once carried annual competitions attracting many entries.

In partnership with the late Percy Hunter in doubles, Sam comprised a redoubtable combination which made them champions of both Tattersall's and the Civic Clubs.

Horses have always been part of Sam's make-up, and this came from



Sam Block

his father who was one of the finest of the pony owner trainers. He had many first rate ponies, including the champion Signet, winner of 39 races carrying up to 12 stone.

Sam, too, owned and raced horses, including Persian Fire, Cayenne, and Miss Fluency, all good winners.

Nor did he confine himself to owning horses, as he rode winners as an amateur in the country.

Here is a story not generally known about how Sam became an official in the Third Floor Athletic Dept., even unto being one of "the Gestapo".

We hopefully trust he will excuse its telling.

In 1941 Sammy joined the A.I.F. and as a member of the Water Transport unit saw service in New Guinea and the North.

In 1944 he suffered a war illness and for nearly two years he was in hospital prior to discharge in 1946.

Even then he was a very sick man and seemed to Swimming Club officials to have the idea that no one wanted him, and he had lots of chips on his shoulders.

The then officials jollied him over this and insisted that he help them out in running the Club.

Sam was persuaded and from that day became his old cheery self, up to his eyes in Club interests and his summing up of the situation speaks for itself.

"I was really saved from myself. Anything I have since done for Tattersall's Swimming and Handball Clubs has been repaid a thousand times by the members and officials who will never realise what they really have done for me".

During his hospitalisation Sam learned weaving as part of his rehabilitation. This has remained a hobby and his tartan scarves are something over which to enthuse.

In addition, few Scotsmen can equal his knowledge of the history and make up of tartans.

Today as secretary of Tattersall's Amateur Swimming Club, he follows in the footsteps of his friend, the late Jack Dexter, who gave to the Third Floor an example of sportsmanship and administrative ability which Sam hopes to emulate.

Though wrapped in officialdom there is none less official than Sam, a prime exemplar of service to his Club and to his fellow man.

BILLY BUNTER

Tommy Smith recalled his childhood stories in the Gem and Magnet.

He remembered the rotund character, Billy Bunter and because Don Storey in those days and prior to his diet, had a rather big tummy — it followed that Don's colt was called Billy Bunter — but Don's slim like figure of today makes such a story "History" as another of Don's horses is called.



TATTERSALL'S CLUB

157 ELIZABETH STREET, SYDNEY

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 9th June, 1976 at 8 o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS:

- (a) To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Members held on 11th June, 1975.
- (b) To adopt the Annual Report, Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements for the year ended 29th February, 1976.
- (c) To elect a Chairman.
Mr. J. V. Comans retires in accordance with the Rules and being eligible offers himself for re-election.
- (d) To elect a Treasurer.
Mr. B. G. Osborne retires in accordance with the Rules and being eligible offers himself for re-election.
- (e) To elect eight Members to serve on the Committee for one year.
Messrs. J. L. Hickey, G. P. Hurst, A. R. McCamley, J. R. McKell, A. V. Miller, G. J. C. Moore, J. P. O'Neill and L. I. Tidmarsh are retiring members of the Committee, all of whom are eligible for re-election and offer themselves accordingly.
- (f) To elect an Auditor or Auditors.
Messrs. Fell & Starkey retire and offer themselves for re-election.
- (g) To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Club.
- (h) To deal with the recommendation of the Committee and which due and timely notice has been given as required by the Rules of the Club i.e., to introduce a new classification of membership known as "Overseas, Interstate and Country Members". This class of membership to apply to residents of overseas, interstate and country areas outside a radius of 100 km. from the G.P.O., Sydney and that the Entrance Fee for such class of membership be \$90 and the Annual Subscription \$75.

N.B. — Nominations for the office of Chairman, Treasurer or Members of the Committee, signed by two Members and with the written consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, must be handed to the Secretary by 5.00 pm. on 12th May, 1976. Nominations for Auditors must be lodged not later than 12 noon, 24th May, 1976.

P. CAMERON
Secretary.

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ALL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO MR. P. McGRATH

KEN REID IS A CHAMPION OF RED AND WHITES

Ken Reid, national Sales Manager and Branch Administrator for McWilliam's Wines, is dedicated to furthering the wine industry.

Leaving Sydney High School, Ken joined McWilliam's 43 years ago as a delivery clerk. He was made works manager in 1941, general works manager in 1946 and NSW manager a year later.

In 1956 Ken was elected to the executive committee of the Wholesale Wine and Brandy Merchants' Association of NSW and has been president of that body for the last eight years.

Ken became a member of the Australian Wine Board in 1963 and still serves on the Board.

He has always been an "industry" man and has been of great service to the industry.

An instance of this service was his suggestion of a Tariff Board Inquiry into the duty on corks.

When this became a reality he prepared and conducted the case for



Ken Reid

the industry, which resulted in the complete removal of duty, thus saving the industry hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In his more active days Ken was a keen athlete, playing Rugby at school and later continued at tennis for many years. He took to golf seriously at one stage, but now only plays socially. Today his preferences are for horse racing and league football.

Ken is also a member of the A.J.C., and St. George Leagues' Club, the red and whites.

Ken and his charming wife, Bernice, lived at Kingsford for many years but now reside in one of the gracious homes in Lang Road, Centennial Park. Their only son, Peter, is with the Australian Mission to the United Nations in New York.

ALSO A BOWLER



Len Burke

Len Burke is one of the best opinion bookies around.

That means he does not stick strictly to a book, like Digger Lobb or Jack Muir, nor does he go to the other extreme as a gambling bookie like Bill Waterhouse or Terry Page. In short, he backs his own judgement.

His turnover this year will be close to \$11 million. It puts him, with Les Tidmarsh, high in the rank of bookies.

Len was once the "leviathan, dashing, million-quid leader of the ring".

Now, at 54, he is content to take things a little easier, to head north to his motel for some fishing.

His father, Monty, raced bush horses and had pubs in the country.

Instead of doing his homework, young Len studied the form. He took out a licence when 17, only to be banned when his age was discovered.

Reinstated in 1945, he rose in the game before bookies had boards, when they shouted the odds in gravel voices and suffered ruptures.

He says: "It's not a bed of roses any more. The whole atmosphere has changed rapidly in 10 years.

"The professional punters often have bigger staffs than we have.

"I wanted to be the biggest gambler, the best bookie. I was. There were kudos, recognition, and big bad debts.

"Yes, racing has been good to me. And there's the egotism. But there's no superannuation when you quit, nothing".

He has seven children — "that's my ambition, to provide for them — and a pet galah, Joey, who says: 'Six-to-four the field' ".

And Len plays bowls — and how!

LOOK OUT, "NOOK"!

Jim Whyte, part owner of Nook, and a great identity in Tattersall's Club Bowling Club is being challenged for his title of "King of the Turf" by colleague Horace Abbott.

In partnership with his father in law, Jack Mandel, they race the very promising Our Sharyn.

They ran second to the flying machine Market Garden, but Jack was not too disappointed as he has also

four shares in the son of Market Garden, the imported stallion King of Babylon which George Ryder secured some years back and even when he was at the time in his hospital bed.

The Family Trophy raced for by the Third Floor swimmers was donated by Jack Mandel, and with Horace's son, Adrian, they comprise a generous and sporting triumvirate.

BILLIARDS & SNOOKER

by A.V. Miller

Nominations for the 1976 Billiards & Snooker are now due. Members are reminded to obtain their entry forms at the main office.

Last year's tourneys were quoted as a grand success and we have no doubts 1976 will provide our viewing members with plenty of exciting games from our vastly improved players.

The Club's Billiards and Snooker Committee has provided some very fine trophies for all events plus the lovely trophy given annually by our generous supporter Tom Powell.

Then the Calcutta Sweep will again be conducted which gives added zip to

the snooker event.

Again the members should watch the closing date for these events. See page 11.

AN EPIC

A tremendous feat performed by a visitor, Warren Simpson, who is a past world champion amateur snooker player, in a friendly game against Bruce Cox who received 75 start at snooker. The game started Bruce potted two reds. Then Warren cleared the table making 115 break, something I have never seen done in my lifetime.

And there was a very fortunate audience on the Second Floor to see the epic game.

his horse when drafting a bullock out of the mob.

With wife Helen they have four children.

As his grandfather and father both AJC and STC members, and raced horses, it is fitting that Paul also takes an active part in racing.

Apart from the Darling River, Paul has other watering holes including the Bourke R.S.L., Bowling and Golf Clubs, and whilst in Sydney he spends some of his time at the Manly Civic Club and Harbord Diggers.

But his greatest interest is in Snake Gully.

"I SHALL RETURN"

For authenticity no member will doubt the credit status of colleagues like Peter Holohan, Jim McManus and Neville O'Neill.

So they joined with well known Tattersall's identity and artist, Ossie Bates at Randwick Races.

Always the centre of a group with a magnetic story to tell Ossie Bates did not let the party down.

But as he temporarily left to make a bet, it was of Ossie that they spoke.

And so came to light a little known episode of the War, the Army of Occupation, General MacArthur, and our Ossie.

Always with the twinkle in his eye, Ossie had prepared his mates for the meeting with the General.

He said "I know the General well, we are on a Christian name basis, you watch me".

And as the General moved through the ranks the inimitable Ossie greeted the General with "Hi, General!"

And open mouthed and thoroughly beguiled, his mates heard the response, "Hi, Aussie".

And it is an historical fact this is no fabrication.

BOOKMAKER'S TIP BACK IT IN THE LAST

At the Kindred Club's function ex-Treasurer and one time rails bookmaker, Barney Fay, applauded Chairman Jim Coman's remarks.

In that easy fashion apparently with which he was born, and not acquired, Jim held his audience to each quiver and comma.

Said Barney "He speaks so and each time he hits the nail on the head".

AGE OF CHIVALRY

Doyen journalist David McNicoll, highly respected regular in the Club, must surely have a persuasive effect on the editors of Bulletin — his well nourished baby.

There was Tattersall's member and Bulletin editor Peter Coleman, now Chief Secretary of the N.S.W. government, who was succeeded by



Peter Coleman

another Tattersall's colleague in the boss chair, Trevor Kennedy.

Peter at 47 has really been about.

Former Sydney Uni. lecturer, once a N.S.W. Supreme Court barrister, master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics, Peter also spent a year in the Sudan teaching English.

And now the latest incumbent of Australia's oldest portfolio, that of Chief Secretary.

SNAKE GULLY CAPTAIN IN TOWN

Captain and President of the Snake Gully Cricket team Paul O'Mally on his visits to Sydney always stays in Tattersall's Club.

He is a third generation Tattersall's scion. His grandfather Hubert O'Shannessy has been a member since 1963, his father Len O'Mally from January, 1964 to July, 1964 when he died in his forties, and Paul has been carrying on the tradition since.

Where is Snake Gully?

It is on Paul's adjoining property "Nulty" outside Bourke, and the cricket team is registered with the Association as Snake Gully.

We remember the Dad and Dave Series of wayback when each year the Snake Gully Cup was called in phantom fashion by "London to a brick" Ken Howard.

The pitch is on a claypan and the adjoining valley has a snake population.

Paul says that the Snake Gully cricketers are never beaten until the last ball is bowled.

Their fighting spirit is legendary, and, he says, is derived from the old axiom "snakes never die until sundown".

Paul was educated at St. Joeys and whilst there was in the second XI and won a G.P.S. competition.

Paul was recently in Sydney for medical treatment having severed an artery in his leg following a fall from

EPICUREANS' POOLSIDE BARBECUE—GREAT SUCCESS

On Sunday the 15th February, the Epicureans opened their 1976 Season "with a splash" at a poolside in Wahroonga.

Altogether about 70 Epicureans attended, some driving a long way like the two Zappia couples and the Thorleighs from Cronulla, the Camerons from Connell's Point, the Amys from Blakehurst, the McCamleys and the Tingwells from the Eastern Suburbs and the Clarks from Palm Beach — however, according to the general opinion their effort was well rewarded.

Fine weather, lovely garden setting, excellent catering and an occasional splash in the pool — cool refreshing drinks very expertly served by our committee men and, above all, it was nice to be together again.

Our next Dinner Meeting is planned for the 6th April and invitations will be sent out to all members and a notice will be displayed in the Club in the usual manner. All Club members and their ladies are welcome.

NEXT GOLF DAY
TO BE HELD
AT
ROYAL
SYDNEY
GOLF CLUB
ON
FRIDAY
9th APRIL



BOWLERS

by Sol Green

The curtain for 1975 was lowered when the annual Christmas Day meet was held at the Rose Bay Club on Thursday 18th December.

As is our custom, the visitors on this day were the Presidents of those clubs where we had been entertained during the year. We have never had a full quota of these gentlemen, and by reason of the close proximity of the day to Christmas, we had as was to be expected one or two apologies.

However we were happy to welcome those who joined us, and were able to introduce them to Stan Richardson, President of the Rose Bay Club.

For many years we have always played host to a trio from City

The Epicureans of Tattersall's Club.

Dear Member,

If you are already a member of our Epicurean Club then please be advised that the fee for 1976 is now due. You are requested to complete the form below and return it with your cheque for \$5.00.

However, if you are not a member yet and wish to join the Epicureans, then you are requested to do likewise.

The Epicurean's committee has prepared an interesting and varied programme for 1976. Meetings will be held at about six weekly intervals — most of them in, but a few outside our Clubhouse.

Notice of all meetings will be sent to all financial members as before.

So you are invited to join us and take part with your lady and guests, if you wish, in our friendly, informal meetings and remember our motto "Good Food and Wine amongst Good Friends".

See you soon
The Committee of Epicureans

Registrar, Epicureans of Tattersall's Club.

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Tattersall's, and it was good to have their President Ron Young with us again.

This is always a good day and 1975 was no exception and the year ended on the happiest of notes.

Since we began again in 1976 the weather man has been unkind with three days already washed out. This has not pleased the Committee as matches in the singles and Gordon Booth triples have had to be postponed, no games being played as yet (13th February).

As previously announced, the 11th Turf Bowlers Carnival which begins on Sunday 14th March will be held in Canberra. It looks as if we may have a few of our "tops" in the party which should improve things in more ways than one.

My scouts advise that Brisbane (holders), Newcastle (always tough), and City Tattersall's (always very tough) will all be fielding their best, so the going won't be easy, but don't despair, Fuzz has promised to take his needle this year.

W.J. (Bill) ORME WAS KICKED IN THE HEAD

Educated at Grafton High School, Bill Orme first commenced engineering at Sydney University where he was resident at St. Paul's College.

Bill was kicked in the head playing football and amongst his many pals on the Third Floor, there are varying opinions as to the after effects.

The immediate outcome was cessation of his Uni. engineering, a few months in hospital, and his return to Grafton where he was articled in law to Colin Pollack.

Bill's boss was a leading figure in the Clarence River Jockey Club and Bill, in his spare time, added up the tickets and calculated the odds on the Grafton manual tote.

His National Service was spent in the Air Force at Newcastle, Richmond, and George's Heights as a corporal, radar operator, and aircraft plotter.

In 1955 Bill hitchhiked around Australia with a National Service pal, Bill Cronshaw, who is now business manager for Orson Welles and living in London.

In 1957 he married Nedra, another Uni. acquaintance and came to Sydney in 1958 when he was admitted as a solicitor.

In the same year Bill became a partner in Smithers, Warren and Lyons, now merged as Smithers Warren & Tobias.

The Tobias section includes Robert, prominent swimmer on the Third

Floor, and Robert's dad who is a Senior Member of Tattersall's.

Bill specialised in commercial and taxation law, and restrictive trade practices and prices justification.

With children arriving every eighteen months Bill filled in the time qualifying as an accountant.

Bill and Nedra now have four children, John, Warwick, Kate and Alison.

For the fourth time Bill and the children competed in the 1975 City to Surf Race.

Their preparation covered five month's training and over 1,000 miles of running. Nedra is extremely independent and exercises a strong influence on the family.

She does not agree with early morning running, but as the team's trainer, would lie in bed and think out tactics.

In 1975 she travelled the distance of the City to Surf route four minutes faster — having found a short cut in the car.

Bill was President in 1965 of Sydney Junior Chamber of Commerce when it hosted the World Congress of Junior Chamber International.

He had numerous overseas trips bidding for the Congress.

In particular Bill organised the instantaneous translation between English, Spanish and French with the United Nations and US, State

Departments in Washington and ECAFE in Bangkok.

As Australia emerged to the front in these negotiations prominent also was Anne Robson who headed and recruited the translators from around the world.

She was later to become the wife of our Governor General.

Bill became National President, World Legal Councillor and finally in 1969 World Executive Vice-President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. During that last year, he was responsible and negotiated extensions into Czechoslovakia, Indonesia and Malawi.

In May last Bill was appointed by the Governor as Executive Member of the NSW Privacy Committee (having to resign from his legal firm and other directorships), to monitor and control privacy both in the public and private sectors.

So perhaps a kick in the head at the right time can lead on to better and brighter experiences.

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Just a quarter of a century ago Roger McCloskey left these shores for overseas.

And now after those 25 years Roger is back with lots of memories.

He spent the time in Europe, Africa, the U.S.A., where he married, and the Caribbean.

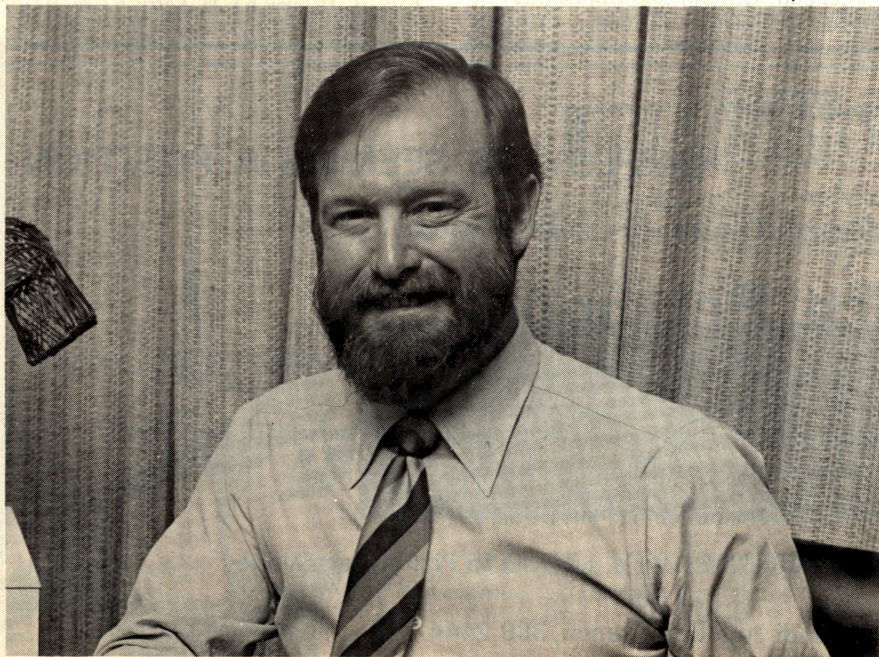
Mostly he lived in the U.S. Virgin Island St. Thomas where his six children were born.

They are aged 5 to 13 and enjoy dual citizenship. St. Thomas is U.S. and Roger contacted the Australian Consul in New York and with his approval the young McCloskeys can have either Australian or U.S.A. passports until they are 18.

Then they will have to decide and though they will have their own decisions to make, Roger will bet odds on they will be good old Aussies.

Roger is a consulting engineer and went to Ashfield de la Salle and played R.U. with Sydney University. He also had a penchant for the 220 and 440 hurdles both with the Uni. and Western Suburbs A.C.

And the best part said Roger "We were home in time to celebrate my mother's 90th birthday, and she enjoyed the champagne as well as any of us".



Bill Orme

Pool Splashes

by Sam Block

STAR PERFORMERS SINCE LAST ISSUE WERE DEREK JACKSON WINNER OF DECEMBER—JANUARY POINT SCORE AND TED JOYE WHO TOOK OUT THE MONTHLY FOR JANUARY—FEBRUARY.

Jackson's score of 32 points out of the possible 36 was an outstanding performance as the handicapper had docked him three records during the month. John Fay was unlucky in bumping such a formidable opponent and was only 1½ points behind with consistent Bill Hannan in third place.

Ted Joye, the poppa of Ian who won the Native Son Trophy last year, showed what pluck and grim determination can do in annexing the January—February trophy.

Ted improved his handicap by 10 seconds over six weeks, at the same time not only reducing his waistline but also his weight by 10 lbs. or metrically speaking 4½ kgs.

The lads feel that we now have another of the famous lovable "George Goldie" image in our Ted and his win was a shining example to our younger stars. John McClean finished in second place (perhaps next month John) whilst Michael Frawley took the honours for third.

Michael's times and diving have improved at a great rate which suggest many wins in the near future.

SILVER SHARPE TROPHY

With half the season over Tony Salier with a clear lead of 7 points has left the field standing after a continuance of his December—January

successes. The handicapper has not got his measure yet, though the way he is going at present nothing seems beyond him.

A few seasons ago the "Silver Bullet" Russell Debney was always in the running, but his bulldog brother Bill is claiming the limelight with a score of 90 points and going great guns. Former leader Hugh Keller is still batting in fine style with a total of 88 with John Nicholas, Gordon Salier and Peter Joseph all within striking distance.

Lots of water will be forced into the scuppers ere the final result will be known.

For the benefit of newcomers, events are held every Tuesday (heats) and Thursday (finals).

JACK MANDEL FAMILY EVENT will take place each Thursday commencing April 15th seven events in all of Relays over 40 and 80 yards. What with the Bowes, Kings, Saliers, Dobbins, Joyes, Emanuels, Dinds, Debneys, Richards, Carpenters, Hannans, Keatings, McRoberts, Pages and Camerons I feel sure the pool habitues are in for some spectacular finishes.

The sad news of the month was the passing of the wives of Col Bowes and Max Sernack, whilst a popular former member in the person of Gordon Boulton was laid to rest.

David Dobbin who left for overseas has lost his prominent position on the ladder, but will still be a force to be reckoned with on his return.

Tony Salier also leads the "Tom Powell" Trophy with 7 wins from Keller 6, Ferris and Nicholas 5½, McLelland, Dobbin and Bill Debney 5, whilst Hannan, Frawley, Russell

Debney, Carpenter, Fay, Gordon Salier and Ken Tickle on 4.

Doug (Hercules) Ferris seems to have fully recovered from his muscular ailment recording a win in the smart time of 18.3 secs. and amongst others in fine form were Hannan 20, Murray 20-1, T. Salier 20-5, D. Barnett and B. Carpenter 20-6 and M. Kunkel 21 secs.

Manfred Kunkel made a welcome re-appearance with a fine winning performance in 21 secs. whilst Paul Donohue also got back in the swim by winning his heat in 24-2. Another wanderer in Ski Club Chairman Basil Phillips arrived back after tussling with the Matterhorn.

Newcomer to the ranks of the competitive swimmers was popular A.B.C. General Manager Talbot Duckmanton who received a well merited ovation on appearing on the starting blocks.

RESULTS

Winners of events were:

6/1/76 40 Yards Handicap: J. McGuire, D. Jackson, D. Dind and B. Cox Dead Heat, W. Hannan. 13/1/76 80 Yards Brace Relay: T. Joye and R. Debney, D. Dind and P. Joseph and J. McClean and G. Salier Dead Heat. 20/1/76 40 Yards Handicap: D. Ferris, J. McClean, D. Dobbin. 27/1/76 80 Yards Brace Relay: J. Shaffran and M. Frawley, W. Tyler and H. Keller. 3/2/76 40 Yards Handicap: T. Joye, M. Frawley, B. Carpenter and Philip Twigg. 10/2/76 80 Yards Brace Relay: I. Foulsham and T.J. Ward, W. Richards and P. Winn. 17/2/76 40 Yards Handicap: J. Levy, P. Rowe, K. Tickle. February Point Score with two events to complete. P. Rowe 16, T.J. Ward 16, B. Debney 14, I. Foulsham 12, G. Salier 11, C. Griffiths 10, B. Upcroft 10, D. Dind 10, T. Salier 10. Silver Sharpe Trophy all points to 17/2/76: T. Salier 99, B. Debney 90, H. Keller 88, J. Nicholas 86, G. Salier 83½, P. Joseph 80½, T.J. Ward 74½, A. McLelland 73½, W. Hannan 72, D. Dobbin 65½, R. Debney 63, D. Ferris 62, N. Heath 62, P. Moses 56½, D. Bruce 56, D. Castle 55.

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THE COOGEE PHENOMENON

by Peter Ashby

Those methodical readers of Tattersall's magazine, judged by all discerning people as the leading club production in Australia, would by now have become familiar with a whole host of members, and sometimes their wives and friends, who have enjoyed the many Club facilities available, or who have excelled themselves in a variety of human endeavours.

These readers who persevere with this article will read with interest, I hope, of the resurgence of handball activity in Coogee, a once great club, which to all intents and purposes was dead, but would not expire, would not give up its ghost, would not allow it to be said that the Coogee Handball Club would ever again be able to be represented in inter-Club contests or State titles.

Coogee Handball Club will be represented in all contests in which they are eligible and they will not only play but they will field players and teams who will be hard to beat and who will also acquit themselves like good sportsmen in fair competition.

This once great club could not field a team against Bondi Icebergs Club in the return match of two annual contests to decide the winner of the Gilesberg Trophy. Bondi became the winner of this much sought after trophy by default for 1975.

But 1976 will be a different matter. Bill Moore, great stalwart of the Coogee Club, when giving this decision accurately summed up the position with the rejoinder "Bondi are only

postponing the inevitable".

Coogee captain Wal Gray had another great year in 1975 fielding a quarter-finalist in the Tattersall's Plate and winning the NSW State Doubles Championship with Frank Frankowski and Jim Campbell.

He was confident to the last moment when the handball court at Coogee Baths standing undamaged after record high seas had caused devastation and almost irreparable destruction to the sports complex. Old players were lost to the Club and no new members were available for recruitment and almost everyone considered that this court where so many great players had performed with distinction, over so many years, would soon be razed or that it would be retired to an undeserved seclusion.

It will never suffer any such ignominious end. The Club began organised competition in the early 1930's and it will now assuredly function well into the 20th century.

Players of the calibre of Eddie Davis, Geoff Clifton-Smith, Bill Harrison and Wally Gray, all Tattersall's Club members, will be replaced by handballers just as keen, just as competitive and probably their equal in ability. Present players who will undoubtedly return to the Club include Frank Frankowski, Ron Tubb, Charlie Robinson, Ron Rogers, Jim Campbell, Bill Moore, George Inman and a host of others.

South Sydney Rugby League identities are responsible for the

virtual rebirth of the Club.

John O'Neill and Bob McCarthy, two greats of the Rugby League code, together with one of the trainers, George Motto, have secured a long lease of the baths and have commenced a reconstruction programme that is nearing completion and will make this venue for sportsmen one of the most popular on the coast. Handball will rate highly in the activities along with P.T., squash, swimming and running.

Both John O'Neill and Bob McCarthy are two of the recent recruits to handball with Bob slightly shading big John at the moment. Practice and patience will improve Bob's game immensely.

Some practice games are so keenly contested that on a recent Sunday morning two protagonists found the pressure of play, the heat of the day and the closeness of the scores too much for them to remain calm. Following a heated verbal exchange about one player claiming too many points from doubtful shots, the exchange developed into a fistic one.

Perhaps a natural tendency to argue evinced by both players led to this unethical development but it was soon finished and two flushed contestants soon cooled themselves in the pool. It must have caused some consternation at home to see dad return from a quiet game of handball sporting some facial bruising not usually associated with this sport.

Just adds to the variety of this great game.



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by Ken Finn

Thanks to the kind invitation of Basil and Pam Phillips members of Tattersall's Club Ski Club and their friends enjoyed a delightful evening in the Phillips' home on Saturday, 21st February.

Among the guests of the Ski Club were Ian McCloy and Larry Adler. Ian is a foundation, and very active member of Werruna Ski Club in Perisher Valley where, it will be remembered, Tattersall's skiers had a magnificent week last year.

Larry is a well known ski instructor from Thredbo and the Chalet. Diametric views taken by Ian led to a lengthy and lively discussion with Larry during the evening to the delight of listeners.

Also among the guests were Carol and Anita Candolin from Finland who came along with Arni and Seija Valkama; the Candolins will be returning to Finland soon.

The weather which threatened all day very accommodatingly lifted and we could use the outdoors where with Basil as chef, we were all treated to a barbeque which certainly lived up to its billing as a gourmet's delight. This was suitably lubricated by appropriate beverages. The delicious and exotic desserts which followed were prepared by Pam who had the assistance of four delightful "slave girls" during the evening — three of the four lovely Phillips' daughters Wendy, Jo-Anne and Sally; Susan being on her way home from Europe.

Another of the highlights of the evening was the showing of movie films taken by members during their ski ventures, included amongst which was Philip King's epic production of the Tattersall's Ski Club Championships Slalom 1975 which was being thoroughly enjoyed by all when a technical difficulty occurred which prevented the completion of the showing. This was most unfortunate as some of the "stars" had not yet made their runs and these were known to be of a highly spectacular nature and

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certain to be of great educational value to the less experienced viewers. No doubt this much sought after film will become available for a future occasion when we will have the benefit of the lessons it offers.

Once again the Ski Club wishes to thank the Phillips' family for opening their charming and well equipped home to members and friends for the enjoyment of getting together and incidentally raising a very tidy sum to boost the Club funds.

Members are reminded that their annual subscriptions to the Ski Club of \$2.00 is due and payable.

As previously mentioned in Tattersall's Magazine and in a separate letter to members, our Ski Club has been given a block booking of Roslyn Ski Lodge at Thredbo from 3rd to 10th July — this promises to be another great occasion and those wishing to go along (with wives if desired) are advised to let Jan Carslake in Tattersall's office know as soon as possible.

BIG NOTER

Always a touch of humour pervades the many stories and nostalgic recollections ever readily given by that great raconteur Morrie Anderson.

Way back in 1961 he was staying at New York's famed Waldorf Astoria on the occasion of his great pacer Apmat's visit for the International Pacers at Yonkers.

A cable arrived for Morrie.

"Put it under the door" instructed Morrie.

"Can't do, sir, the tray won't fit" came the reply.

Morrie woke in a stride.

He opened the door and the grinning beam behind the perfect set of ivories said — "Your cable, suh," on a nicely embossed silver tray.

"Here" said big hearted Morrie, "have a drink" and gave the boy the equivalent of an Australian 1961 ten shilling note thinking he was acting in a "big note" way.

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